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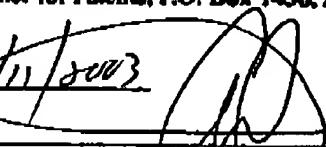
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application based on this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please amend the claims as follows:

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14. (Amended) A fuel injector, comprising:  
 a valve needle;  
 a fixed valve seat surface;  
 a valve-closure member that is actuated by the valve needle, wherein the valve-closure member cooperates with the fixed valve seal surface to form a sealing seat;  
 a connecting piece; and  
 a valve housing that at least partially encloses the connecting piece, the valve housing being joined to the connecting piece by a crimped connection, wherein:  
 the connecting piece includes at least one notch, and  
 the valve housing, under an axial stress, is crimped into the at least one notch.